

# ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK AWARDS NOMINATION PACKET

Each year, the National Association of Social Workers, Virgin Islands Chapter recognizes outstanding nominees in each of three categories:

- ◆ **The Social Worker of the Year Award** honors a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Virgin Islands Chapter (NASW-VI) who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments. In honoring the Social Worker of the Year, NASW-VI highlights outstanding accomplishments in the practice of social work.
- ◆ **The Public Citizen of the Year Award** honors an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. *The award recipient is not a social worker.*
- ◆ **The Elected Official of the Year Award** recognizes outstanding service and contributions of an elected official who has shown leadership in the formulation of public policy, particularly policies that affect social justice, health care, education, civil and human rights, and social practice.

**The deadline for submitting a complete nomination package  
is January 15, 2012.**

Please carefully follow the instructions listed for each award category.

NASW-VI's Board of Directors will review each submission using an objective scale to select the winners.

## NASW-VI COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

# SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

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### CRITERIA

*The award recipient must:*

- ◆ Make a demonstrable difference in such areas as
  - ◇ Advocacy for clients,
  - ◇ Social policy,
  - ◇ Social work practice,
  - ◇ Program development,
  - ◇ Administration,
  - ◇ Research;
- ◆ Demonstrate outstanding leadership;
- ◆ Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession;
- ◆ Take risks to achieve outstanding results;
- ◆ Be an NASW member in good standing.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURE

*To be eligible for consideration, a nomination packet should include:*

- ◆ Preferred contact information for **nominee**, including name, credentials, job title, employer, work address, home address, cell phone, work phone, home phone, and e-mail address.
- ◆ Preferred contact information for the **person recommending the nomination**, including name, credentials, job title, employer, a minimum of two phone numbers, and e-mail address.
- ◆ **One-page** summary that describes:
  - ◇ What the social worker has accomplished,
  - ◇ What risks the social worker took to achieve results,
  - ◇ Who the beneficiaries were.
- ◆ Curriculum vita.
- ◆ Up to five (5) letters of support.

To ensure the nominee's eligibility, please adhere to the nomination guidelines. Use clear, concise, descriptive examples of activities and accomplishments. The nomination packet must include the preferred contact information, summary sheet, vita, and support letters. Incomplete packages will not be accepted, nor will additional supplemental information be reviewed. The NASW-VI Board of Directors selects and approves the award recipient.

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All nominations should be submitted via e-mail to [naswvi@naswvi.org](mailto:naswvi@naswvi.org) by January 15, 2012 or fax toll free to 1-866-226-6777.

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## PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

National Association of Social Workers, Virgin Islands Chapter (NASW-VI) established the Public Citizen of the Year Award to honor an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work.

*The award recipient is not a social worker.*

### CRITERIA

*The award recipient must:*

- ◆ Make a significant contribution to an area or population of concern to the social work profession such as
  - ◇ at-risk or vulnerable populations,
  - ◇ quality of life in communities,
  - ◇ social issues;
- ◆ Act with courage;
- ◆ Demonstrate outstanding leadership;
- ◆ Exemplify social work values and ethics.

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- ◆ **One-page** summary that describes:
  - ◇ What the nominee accomplished,
  - ◇ What the consequences were,
  - ◇ Who the beneficiaries were,
  - ◇ How the nominee's accomplishments relate to social work.
- ◆ Curriculum vita;
- ◆ Up to five (5) letters of support.

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# ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Elected officials make decisions about a broad range of issues that, when enacted into law, represent the collective values of our society. Of particular interest to the social work profession are policies that affect social justice, health care, education, civil and human rights, and social work practice. In recognition of the responsibilities and challenges of public service, NASW-VI established an annual award to recognize the outstanding service and contributions of an elected official. Special consideration will be given to social workers in public office.

### CRITERIA

*The award recipient must:*

- ◆ Be an elected official serving, at the time of nomination, in public office at the local, state, or national level;
- ◆ Make a significant contribution to public service while in office;
- ◆ Demonstrate leadership in advancing public policy in the area of vulnerable populations, civil and human rights, or social welfare;
- ◆ Demonstrate leadership on behalf of the protection and advancement of social work practice;
- ◆ Exemplify social work values and ethics.

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- ◆ **One-page** summary that describes:
  - ◇ Nature of leadership demonstrated on issues of concern to the social work profession,
  - ◇ Short and long-term effect of his or her leadership,
  - ◇ How the social work profession and those served are affected.
- ◆ Curriculum vita.
- ◆ Up to five (5) letters of support.

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